

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 8, and 11, and cancel claim 2, all without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with Revised Amendment Practice (Final Rule) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, all claims are listed below with appropriate Status Identifiers in parenthesis after each claim.

1. (Amended) A surgical kit, comprising:

a tray comprising a plurality of planar surfaces defined therein;

a plurality of article recesses defined in said planar surfaces such that at least one said recess is defined in each of said planar surfaces, each said recess having a shape for receipt of a particular surgical article therein; and

said planar surfaces comprising

a first planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein;

a second planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein,

the second planar surface being offset from the first planar surface; and

a third planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein, the third planar surface being offset from the first planar surface; and

wherein said planar surfaces are arranged such that each said planar surface is offset vertically with respect to at least one other said planar surface and said recesses positioned within said tray such that articles in at least one upper said planar surface must be removed from said tray prior to access being provided to articles in at least one lower said planar surface, said articles correspondingly arranged in said tray such that

unobstructed access is provided to said articles in their order of use for a particular surgical procedure.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) The surgical kit as in claim 2 1 further comprising a removable container adapted to fit at least partially within said tray, said container adapted to rest upon at least a portion of said first planar surface while providing access to at least one said recess defined in said first planar surface and covering at least one said recess in said second planar surface, said container being reclosable and containing at least one accessory article useful in performing the surgical procedure.

4. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 3, further comprising a plurality of said recesses defined in said first planar surface below said container such that said container must be removed from said tray prior to having access to articles contained in said recesses below said tray.

5. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, further comprising a cover adapted to be placed over said tray.

6. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 1, further comprising at least one boss extending upwardly from at least one of said planar surfaces, said boss configured for extending through at least a portion of a surgical article.

7. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 6, wherein said boss extends through a handle portion of a snare device.

8. (Amended) ~~The surgical kit as in claim 7,~~ A surgical kit, comprising:
a tray comprising a plurality of planar surfaces defined therein;

a plurality of article recesses defined in said planar surfaces such that at least one said recess is defined in each of said planar surfaces, each said recess having a shape for receipt of a particular surgical article therein; and

wherein said planar surfaces are arranged such that each said planar surface is offset vertically with respect to at least one other said planar surface and said recesses positioned within said tray such that articles in at least one upper said planar surface must be removed from said tray prior to access being provided to articles in at least one lower said planar surface, said articles correspondingly arranged in said tray such that unobstructed access is provided to said articles in their order of use for a particular surgical procedure;

further comprising at least one boss extending upwardly from at least one of said planar surfaces, said boss configured for extending through at least a portion of a surgical article;

wherein said boss extends through a handle portion of a snare device; and

wherein said snare device overlies at least a portion of another said article received in a recess defined below the position of said snare device.

9. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 8, wherein said article in said recess below said snare device comprises a percutaneous gastrostomy tube.

10. (Original) The surgical kit as in claim 9, further comprising a coiled guide wire overlying a portion of said percutaneous gastrostomy tube.

11. (Amended) A percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) kit comprising:

a tray, said tray further comprising

a first planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed within the first planar surface,

a second planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed within the second planar surface, the second planar surface being offset from the first planar surface,

a third planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed within the third planar surface, the third planar surface being offset from the first planar surface

a container adapted to fit at least partially within the tray, the container adapted to rest upon at least one of the plurality of planar surfaces while leaving at least one said recess in said planar surface exposed, the container adapted to be reclosable and to retain accessory articles useful in performing a medical procedure; and

a cover adapted to be placed over the tray;

wherein each recess is adapted to hold at least one article useful in performing a medical procedure.

12. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one said recess disposed in said first planar surface is adapted to hold a looped placement wire.

13. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one said recess disposed in said second planar surface is adapted to hold at least a portion of a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube.

14. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 13, wherein said percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube comprises a bumper, said bumper disposed within at least one said recess in said second planar surface.

15. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one said recess disposed in said third planar surface is adapted to hold an introducer cannula.

16. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein said cover rests on a peripheral edge of said tray.

17. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one said recess disposed in said first planar surface is adapted to retain at least a portion of a guide wire.

18. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one said recess disposed in said second planar surface is adapted to retain an exterior tube retention device.

19. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein said container rests on at least a portion of said first planar surface.

20. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 11, wherein at least one of said planar surfaces comprises at least one boss extending upwardly from the surface.

21. (Original) The PEG kit as in claim 20, wherein said boss extends upwardly from said second planar surface.
